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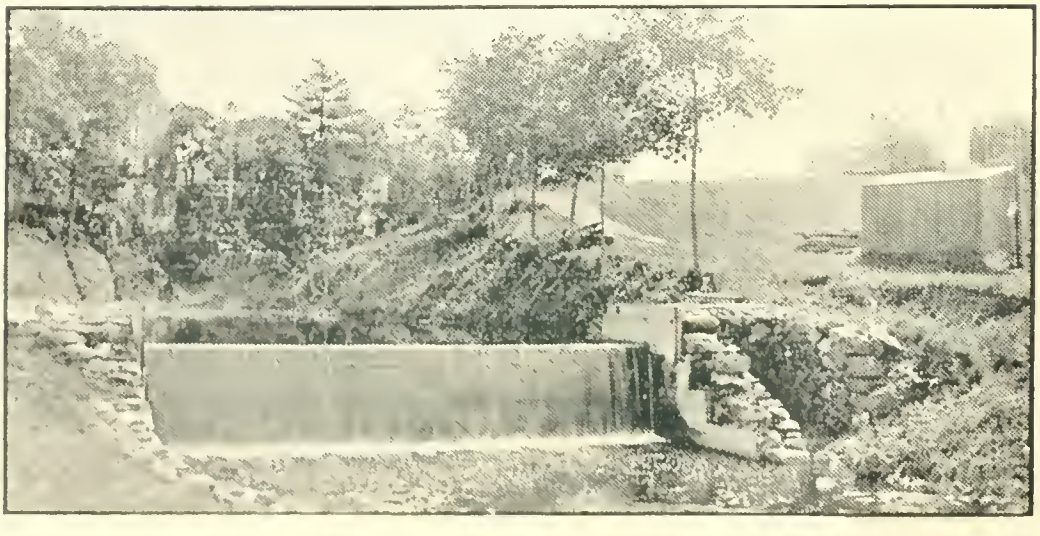

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HISTORY

OF THE TOWN OF UNION, MAINE,

FROM

EARLIEST TIMES TO DATE.

1895.
THE UNION WEEKLY TIMES:
UNION, MAINE.

PREFACE

The publishers do not claim this condensed history of the town of Union, Maine, to be a model of perfection, believing it an impossible task to write a complete and accurate history of any town, from a critical standpoint. In this volume, however, the reader will find material which has been carefully compiled from many sources and believed to be trustworthy and reliable. Many extracts have been made from Sibley's History of Union to which credit is hereby given. To many citizens about town the publishers are grateful for numerous favors and extend thanks for the same.

Respectfully,

THE PUBLISHERS.

UNION, ME., February 2, 1895.

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UNION, MAINE.

CHAPTER I.

EARLY SETTLEMENT—SITUATION—BOUNDARIES—STATISTICS STORMS AND FRESHETS—DEATHS—SCENERY.

THE town of Union in the County of Knox and State of Maine was settled July 19, 1774, and named Taylor Town from the purchaser and settler Dr. John Taylor. May 3, 1786, it was organized as the plantation of Sterlington; October 20, 1786, it was incorporated and named Union. Washington was formed from a portion of its territory in 1811. In 1810 its population was 1,266, having increased from 575 in 1800. Union is bounded on the south and southwest by Warren and Waldoboro; on the west by the Medomac river which separates it from Washington; Appleton, Hope and Camden lay to the north and northeast; at its eastern extremity it makes with Rockport and Warren near the summit of Mt. Pleasant. There is of course but little difference between the climate of Union and that of Maine in general. General Knox in 1799 says of this territory: "The ground is generally covered with snow from the middle of December to the last of March." A journal kept by Samuel Hills says: "January 28, 1797, rain the first time since November 22d, and very cold. October 26, 1827, crossed Seven Tree Pond on the ice, said to be the earliest in

40 years; pond opened between the Eyes March 15, 1828." Forty yoke of oxen hauled a one and one-half story house from the Col. Hawes place across Seven Tree Pond on the ice to the hill south of South Union, April 4, 1844. There is said to have been considerable change in the climate since the early days. Of late years, snow has not fallen so much and the sleighing season has been cut down to a few days. On the whole, a milder climate has prevailed. In the spring of 1832 the town was visited by heavy rains; from June 10th, to July 18th, not one fair day, and severe freshets was the result. Great damage was done bridges and mills.

July 21, 1820, a tremendous hail storm came along and the corn crop was entirely destroyed. Grain and potatoes, as well as other articles were much injured. When the hail had disappeared large quantities of frogs appeared, said to have come from a pond in Appleton. During a terrific thunder storm, June 29, 1815, James Lermond, living with his brother William in the last part of the town, was killed by lightning. The house was badly wrecked by the stroke. August 8th, of the same year lightning burnt the barn of Noah Rice and Obadiah Morse's barn with forty tons of hay was set on fire, but it was extinguished by Mr. Morse, whose hands were badly burned

Sunday, May 25, 1823, the house of Jason Ware was struck by lightning; the same stroke of lightning injured the barn of Matthias Hawes, about 25 rods distant. August 25, 1840 the store of Henry Fossett in the north-western part of the town was struck by lightning. In 1792–3 the throat-distemper caused the death of many children in town. In 1826 the dysentery was very prevalent and fatal. Consumption carried off many in the early days and still causes many deaths.

Some idea may be formed of the general healthfulness of the town from the number of deaths reported from time to

time as follows: In 1807 11 deaths occurred; in 1808, 5; in 1811, 10; 1812, 7; 1815, 11; 1818, 3; 1821, 8; 1824, 16; 1825, 18; 1827, 9; 1829, 16; 1830, 22.

In 1830 there were in town 17 males and 16 females above 70 years of age. In 1835 there were 27 persons here who were 75 or more years of age. Abigail Messer was 99 years of age when she died.

The relative position of the hills and valleys is favorable for a brisk circulation of air. The water in general is uncommonly pure.

The scenery of Union is magnificent. As Sibley says, "Hills and valleys, ponds and streams, the romantic and the picturesque are combined in the prospects." Union is preeminently an agricultural town and ranks high as such. From earliest time has the town enjoyed its reputation for fine lands, excellent water and beautiful natural scenery.

CHAPTER II.

WALDO PATENT—BOUNDARY LINE—INDIANS—EARLY SETTLERS—FIRST BUILDINGS—STERLINGTON.

UNION was a part of the tract of land called the Muscongus Patent, which was a grant made March 2, 1629, by the Plymouth Council to John Beauchamp of London, and Thomas Leverett, then of Boston, England, later of Boston in New England. This tract was afterwards called the Waldo Patent. For more than a century the French and English claimed the land. In 1711 or 1712 it was proposed to make the St. Georges River the boundary between the English and French, but it was never effected. While not noted as a place much resorted to by Indians, it is known that they were here more or less in the early days. Many relics have been found from time to time even up to the present that would indicate their presence here in goodly numbers at various periods. Several accounts of adventures with the Red Men have been put on record. Stephen Hart and Samuel Boggs had a narrow escape once while fishing in Crawford's Pond, but they reached home in safety.

Probably the first white people who located in town were Archibald Anderson and James Anderson, in the fall of 1772; also James Malcom and John Crawford, Jr. All of these were natives of Scotland. In 1776 Philip Robbins of Walpole, Mass., bought about 4000 acres of land here at about 50 cents an acre. Other members of the Robbins family also

came and the numbers increased quite rapidly. Richard Cummings from Stoughton, cleared land here about this period, but afterwards returned to Massachusetts. Dr. Taylor built the first frame house in town in 1776, work being done by Col. Benjamin Burton and Nathaniel Fales. It was about 18x20 feet in size. This was the only frame house in Union until years after the town was incorporated. This year rye was reaped, being the first grain ever harvested in town. Taylor erected a 34x40 foot barn the same season and Richard Cummings built a log house. In 1777 Philip Robbins got out a frame for a barn and Taylor put up the frame of a saw mill on Crawford's River. A grist mill was also put under the saw mill.

In February, 1777, Phineas Butler enlisted under Col. Burton and joined the army. Abijah Hawes came from Franklin, Mass., in June. At the time of Burgoyne's surrender there were but three families in Sterlington, supposed to have been the families of Philip Robbins, David Robbins and Richard Cummings. In December 1778 the barn of Philip Robbins was burned. Mason Wheaton bought 1000 acres of land of John Taylor, January 2, 1779, and resided here a short time. He raised a barn in 1780. He returned to Thomaston and was the first representative from that town to the Legislature of Massachusetts. May 15, Joel Adams, Matthias Hawes and Jason Ware came from Franklin, Mass., and settled here. In September 1781 Joel Adams and Jemima Robbins were married; this was the first wedding in town and the ceremony was performed by Colonel Wheaton. January 1, 1783, Matthias Hawes, married Sarah Payson in Warren, and on the 16th moved home and commenced housekeeping. In September 1784 Amariah Mero came from Stoughton and settled here; later he married a daughter of Philip Robbins. In the spring of 1785 Josiah Robbins,

brother of Philip Robbins came to Sterlington and began work. In May of the same year came Royal Grinnell and his family. In 1786 Josiah Robbins came from Franklin, Mass., also Samuel Hills, the first blacksmith, and his wife. This was twelve years since the first arrival of Dr. Taylor.

In 1786 Sterlington or Taylortown, was organized as a plantation. The earliest entry on any of the town books reads as follows:

LINCOLN, ss.—To Philip Robbins, gent. A principal inhabitant of the plantation called Sterlington, in said County of Lincoln, greeting:

"In obedience to a precept from William Lithgow, Esq, treasurer of the county aforesaid to me directed: These are to require you to notify and warn the inhabitants of your said plantation, being freeholders, to meet at the dwelling house of Capt. Philip Robbins, in said plantation, on Monday the twelfth day of June next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in order that such of the inhabitants of said plantation [as] shall then assemble shall and do choose a moderator and clerk, and also assessors and collector or collectors for said plantation's proportion of all such taxes as have [been] or may be assessed upon the same county, either for soldiers bounty money or for defraying the necessary charges of said county until other assessors and collectors shall be chosen in their stead at the annual meeting of said plantation in March next; such clerk, assessors, and collectors to be sworn by the moderator of said meeting [to] the faithful discharge of their respective trust [s]; and the assesors so to be chosen and sworn thereupon to take list of the ratable poles and a valuation of said estate of the inhabitants of said plantation, for to make such assessments, and to judge of the qualifications of voters in meetings of such inhabitants thereafter to be holden, until other valuation shall be made; and to make return of the names of the collector or collectors, with the sum committed to him or them to collect, as soon as may be, to the said William Lithgow, Esq., or his successor in said office of treasurer; and to make return of this warrant, with your doings thereupon, unto said meeting. Given under my hand and seal at Thomaston, in said county, May, 3, 1786.

MASON WHEATON,
Justice of the Peace.

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A true copy:— MOSES HAWES,
Plantation Clerk.

A second document on the town records was drawn up within a fortnight after the preceding document and was a petition signed by Moses Hawes, Joel Adams and Samuel Hills, Committee of the Plantation of Sterlington. This was probably not presented. A petition dated September 12, 1786, was followed by the act of incorporation which passed October 20, 1786.

CHAPTER III.

FAMILIES IN TOWN — CENSUS — QUARRIES — LIME CASKS — GRAIN—APPLES—MILLS—TANNERIES—FACTORIES—FOSSETT'S MILLS—CORN PACKING—TRADERS.

AT the time of the incorporation there were in town the following families. The number of people in each family being also given as follows:

Joel Adams,	5	Amariah Mero,	2
Ezra Bowen,	5	Elisha Partridge,	5
John Butler,	5	Bela Robbins,	2
Richard Cummings,	6	David Robbins,	9
Royal Grinnell,	4	Ebenezer Robbins,	3
Abijah Hawes,	3	Jessa Robbins,	2
Matthias Hawes,	4	Josiah Robbins,	5
Moses Hawes,	5	Philip Robbins,	3
Samuel Hills,	2	Jason Ware,	5
Elijah Holmes,	2		

Total number of families 19, with 77 population, was the town's standing at this time. In 1787 Levi Morse came; with him also came William Hart and Oliver Leland. In 1788 Joseph Maxcy came from Attleborough, Mass.; he brought with him Joseph Guild. Thomas Daggett, Jr., and Aaron Daggett came in 1789, then came Seth Luce and family, Christopher Butler and family. Ichabod Irish came this same year.

The first census of Union was taken Aug. 1, 1790, and showed that the town had 200 inhabitants. In 1837 William Gleason took the census and the population was found to be 1754. June 1, 1850, the census was also taken by William Gleason, and the total number was shown to be 1970. In 1860 the population was 1958; in 1870 it was 1701; in 1880 it was 1548; in 1890 it was 1435. The present population is believed to exceed 1500, as the coming of the Georges Valley R. R. in 1893 was the beginning of a season of activity in many branches of business.

There has never been a geological survey of the town that the writer is aware of. It is known, however, that there are quarries of limestone which are said to make a very fine grade of lime, very pure and white. The quarry on the George W. Bachelder farm, opened in 1894, is considered of great value. There are also quarries of granite. Iron ore is said to be found in large quantities in the eastern part of the town.

John Little is said to be the first man who made lime casks here. This was probably more than ninety years ago. In the early days casks were made to contain 100 gallons each and made of well seasoned oak or ash staves with ten hoops on each cask and secured with nails or pins. Later 75 gallon casks were made, and in 1810, 50 gallon sizes were made. Now they hold about 28 gallons. They were sold in early days as high as 60 cents each. Casks for some years past have sold all the way from 12 to 18 cents. Stave and heading machines now do a greater portion of the work.

Rye was the first grain planted in Union. It was sown in autumn upon burnt ground. Union is a great town for apples. Levi Morse, away back in 1793, set out apple trees.

The first fuller's-mill was built on Crawford's river in 1799 by Micajah Gleason. There have been four since but there

are none here now as a matter of course. The first carding machine for wool was built on Crawford's river by Ebenezer Alden in 1806.

In 1809 a cotton factory was built on the west side of St. Georges river. It was carried away by a freshet in 1832. The Farmer's woolen factory was built in 1814 and owned in shares of $10 each. In 1843 Wm. Gleason converted a building formerly a paper mill into a woolen factory.

In 1810 a paper mill was erected on Crawford's stream. The mill was burnt in 1818. Another mill was put up in 1819 but we believe no paper was made there after 1837. The water of Crawford's river was considered particularly good for paper making.

Richard Cummings was the first man to tan hides here. In 1826 there were three tanneries in town—one owned by Joseph Beckett, another by Susman Abrams, a Jew. We are unable to find out who owned the other. In 1840 there were four tanneries in town. Edward Jones was engaged in the manufacture of potash soon after the town was incorporated. Ebenezer Alden was also engaged in the same business later.

In June 1843 an iron foundry was established at South Union. August 1844 Vaughan and Pardoe commenced the manufacture of edge tools, principally axes, ship tools and coopers' tools. J. Vaughan & Co. started a shovel factory March 12, 1850. The products of these factories were considered excellent, as well as the tool work of Bradley R. Mowry at the Middle Bridge. The most extensive mill establishment was the Fossett's at North Union. It was completed in December 1848 at an expense of about $10,000. Under one roof were a saw mill, and a grist mill, beside a corn cracker, stave machine, shingle machine, lath machine,

threshing machine, cleanser and bolt—all carried by steam. They were destroyed by fire June 21, 1850.

The Piper Packing Co. began packing corn here in 1887, and did quite a large business. The factory was totally destroyed by fire three years later.

Among the early traders may be named Edward Jones, Ebenezer Alden and John Little. Nathaniel Robbins and Ebenezer Alden formed a partnership in 1803. Afterwards came Mallard and Chase, Charles Pope and William Pope. In 1812 Robert Foster opened a store at South Union. In 1840 there were six, in 1843 there were eight, and in 1849 twelve stores in town. A glance at the Business Directory printed elsewhere in this book gives the number of merchants in Union doing business in 1895.

CHAPTER IV.

CANALS—THE COMMON—TOWN HOUSE—CHURCHES—RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES—PREACHERS.

AN act was passed March 9, 1793, authorizing Charles Barrett, within six years, to cut a canal from Barrett's Town, beginning "Twenty-five miles above the head of the tide in Georges River," and to "have the exclusive right of making locks and canals upon the said river" for seventy years. The canal was opened only from Thomaston. General Knox was principal or sole owner when the canal was completed. It was used several years, but did not prove profitable and before Knox died in 1806 it was neglected. Another canal was laid out in 1846 from Thomaston to Searsmont, and it was completed in 1847. This also proved a bad speculation and the canal has long been abandoned and for the most part filled in.

There appears to have been much discussion regarding the Common. In the course of time after a considerable talk the following deed was obtained and placed on record:

"Know All Men by these presents, That I David Gillmor, of the Plantation No. Two, in the County of Hancock, and State of Massachusetts, gentleman, in consideration of one hundred dollars, well and truly paid by Nathaniel Bachelor, Joel Adams, and William Hart, selectmen of the town of Union, for the year A. D. 1809, and their successors in said office as selectmen of Union, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and

convey unto the said Bachelor, Adams and Hart, and their successors in the office of selectmen of said Union, for ever, a certain tract of land lying in Union aforesaid, and is bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a stake and stones standing west thirty-three degrees south seven rods and five links from the south-west corner of Capt. Rufus Gillmor's dwelling, at the northerly corner of said tract; thence south seven degrees east (west?) fourteen rods to a stake and stones; thence east fifteen degrees south twenty-three rods to a stake and stone; thence east seventeen degrees north thirteen rods and five links to a stake and stones; thence east twenty-six degrees north eight rods to a stake and stones; thence north seven degrees west four rods and sixteen links to a stake and stones; thence west fourteen degrees north forty rods and twenty links to the bound first mentioned, be the same more or less; and the above premises are to be occupied for the sole purpose for a Common for the use of the town of Union, to have and to hold the afore-granted premises to the said Bachelor, Adams, and Hart, or their successors, to their use and behoof for ever.

"And I do covenant with the said Bachelor, Adams, and Hart, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Bachelor, Adams and Hart, or their successors in officer; and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Bachelor, Adams and Hart forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

"In witness whereof, I, the said David Gilmor, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this fifteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine.

"David Gilmor, and seal.

"Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of us,

"Rufus Gilmor.

"Nathl. Robbins.

"Lincoln, ss. June the 15, A. D. 1809. Then the above named David Gilmor personally acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and deed before me.

"Nathl. Robbins, Justice of Peace."

Acting under the direction of the Selectmen, June 1st, 1839, the Common was surveyed by Mr. Wm. Gleason and a plan of the same was drawn by a scale of five rods to an inch, which space will not allow us to reproduce. Attached to the above mentioned plan appears the following document:

We, the undersigned, being inhabitants of the Town of Union at the time the Common was deeded to the Town by David Gilmor in eighteen hundred and nine; and being well acquainted with the boundaries thereof at that time; hereby certify, that according to the best of our knowledge the plan hereunto annexed as surveyed by Wm. Gleason this 1st day of June 1839, and as now held by said town, is the tract of land intended to be conveyed to the town by David Gilmor.

Rufus Gilmor.
John Little.
Amariah Mero.

Union, Sept. 19th, 1844.
Attest—C. G. Bachelor.

March 3, 1806 the warrant for a town meeting contained an article "to see if the town would build a town house." Nothing appears to have been done as the subject was not again brought forward until July 1, 1837. After a long struggle the house was built. April 7, 1845, voted to buy a stove for the town house. This old house was patched and repaired more or less year after year and became almost a disgrace to the town until it was entirely reconstructed and we now have one of the finest town halls in the state. B. Burton, O. N. Butler and G. W. Payson were the selectmen who deserve thanks for the good work. The Union Hall Association held a series of entertainments and raised sufficient money with which they built an addition to the town hall which greatly improved the building.

The first meeting house in Union was "raised" Wednesday, October 3, 1793. Rev. Auherd Auquhart was one of the early preachers, and so was Rev. Aaron Humphreys. Rev. Henry True was hired to preach in 1806, with an

annual salary of $400; later twenty cords of wood and $25 were added to his salary and he was allowed four Sabbaths in the year to visit his friends. "Articles of Faith and Covenant" were agreed on by the "Congregational Church of Christ," March 3, 1803, and adopted with additions, February 6, 1804. There were many church difficulties to bridge over in the early days, and the struggles were long and bitter. The Methodists and Baptists were in the field with a goodly number of followers in these days. The Congregational church was incorporated, Jan. 31, 1816, by act of the Massachusetts Legislature. The first sermon by a Universalist was preached in 1814, probably at the house of Geo. W. West. The Universalist Association met in Union June 20, 1829. The society here was re-organized, September 9, 1840, and constitution adopted October 30. At the present day a flourishing society of Methodists, Rev. C. B. Chadwick, pastor, and Congregationalists, Rev. H. J. Wells, pastor, are doing good work in Union. The Universalists and Baptists have no settled pastors.

CHAPTER V.

FIRST REPRESENTATIVE—POSTMASTERS—SCHOOLS—LAWYERS PHYSICIANS—SOLDIERS—NORTH KNOX SOCIETY—FIRE INSURANCE CO.—CHEESE FACTORY—CORN FACTORY—CREAMERY COMPANY.

THE first representative from Union to the General Court of Massachusetts was Edward Jones, in 1807. The first postoffice was established in 1810 and William White was the first postmaster; he was succeeded by Ebenezer Alden January 19, 1813, who held the office for thirty-two years. Jesse W. Payson succeeded him August 12, 1845; he was removed and the office went to Edward Hills, May 11, 1849. Those who have held the office since are, P. M. White, Mrs. Amanda Thompson, Joseph Irish, Andrew Libby, O. S. McCorrison, B. Burton, R. W. Bartlett, J. D. Gleason, and A. M. Wingate the present incumbent.

The first school in town was kept by the wife of Jessa Robbins in his log house in 1785 and 1786. The first man to teach was probably Ebenezer Jennison. Two terms were generally held each year of eight or ten weeks duration. School districts were established in 1790. The first schoolhouse was built in 1791.

The first lawyer was probably Robert McClintock who lived here with his family in 1791. William White practiced in town three years, going to Belfast in 1812. Lithlow

Hunter was in practice here in 1812–13. George Kimball began law business in town March 12, 1813, and remained about two years. Daniel F. Harding commenced practice November 15, 1815, and remained many years. Other lawyers were John Bullfinch, J. S. Abbott, Augustus C. Robbins, Elijah Vose, Elisha E. Rice, Richard D. Rice, Nelson Cutler, (1843); M. F. Hanley (1894). R. I. Thompson is now the only lawyer in town

Dr. Isaac Barnard was probably the first physician, coming here about 1787 or 1788. Jonathan Sibley was the first physician to establish himself here permanently. His diploma was dated January 9, 1799. Dr. Wm. Dougherty came here in 1807 and remained several years. Dr. Metcalf in 1809; followed by Dr. Brackett; Elisha Harding, 1819 to 1842; Isaac Flinter 1837 and for several years after; Dr. Henderson 1842, for two years; Dr. Thomas Gore a short time; Edward Alden began practice in 1848 and remained many years. An Indian doctor by name of Cook came here in 1805 or 1806 for a short period. Among later physicians who have practiced in town are Dr. Eben Alden, Dr. W. A. Albee, Dr. M. P. Judkins, Dr. F. E. Varney, Dr. A. P. Heald and Dr. W. H. Bennett; the last named is still in practice here and has built up a fine business. E. G. Skinner practiced medicine at East Union several years, but is now deceased. Dr. J. J. Alden has practised dentistry here many years and is yet located near the Common. H. L. Greenleaf the dentist was located at the Common several years.

August 8, 1846, the Union Brass Band of fifteen members was formed and continued in existence several years. The Union Cornet Band was formed about two years ago and have occasional meetings now.

Among the early settlers were many soldiers, viz.: Ezekiel Hagar, Abijah Hawes, Matthias Hawes, Moses

Hawes, Ichabod Maddocks, Titus Metcalf, Jason Ware, David Gillmor and Reuben Hills, all Revolutionary men. Others who served from Union were: Joel Adams, Nathan Barnard, Amos Barrett, Phinehas Butler, Samuel Daggett, John Gleason, Richard Grinnell, Royal Grinnell, Amariah Mero, Levi Morse, Bela Robbins, Ebenezer Robbins, Josiah Robbins, Philip Robbins, George Wellington, Lemuel Wentworth. Sept. 1, 1794, town voted to give $3 bounty and wages $10 a month to minute men. Aug. 28, 1797, $55 was granted to purchase military stores. Jan. 31, 1804, town paid $51.33 for ammunition for use of town. A powder house was built in 1816 on hill north of the Common where it remained many years. Space will not allow us to give a complete history of the soldiers of Union in this work. The Grand Army chapter given elsewhere in this book gives a fine record covering the time since the War of the Rebellion.

Union is one of the five towns that make up the jurisdiction of the North Knox Agricultural and Horticultural Society, and geographically the centre town; for this reason perhaps more than any other, a greater number of its annual exhibitions have been held in town. Since its organization, May 22, 1869, most of its fairs have been held here. It has paid to exhibitors many thousands of dollars in premiums. The membership is increasing yearly. The last annual meeting was held in December. E. H. Mero is president, and W. A. Bessey, secretary.

The Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. was chartered in 1856, and is still in active operation. The company takes no risk over $1000, and only on farm property in the town of Union.

The Union Cheese Factory began making cheese July 1, 1874. The first cheese was made by Lewis Hunt. Building was put up by Lewis Robbins on a contract, and Wm.

Carkin was boss carpenter. The business was run several years and discontinued.

Union would support a corn factory, and a good concern will receive the hearty encouragement of our farmers.

An institution worthy of mention is the Union Creamery Co. E. E. Light and C. C. Counce proprietors. They have done a successful business here for two years making a high grade of creamery butter. They enjoy a good support from Union and surrounding towns. The business will be increased during 1895.

CHAPTER VI.

THE COMMON—RAILROAD—BUILDING OPERATIONS—SCENERY —HOTEL—ST. GEORGES RIVER PRIVILEGES—PROSPEROUS FARMERS—FISH HATCHERY.

UNION Common, the principal village in town, is situated about fourteen miles from the city of Rockland, twenty-eight miles from Augusta, the state capital, and eight miles from tide waters of the St. Georges River at Warren.

The Georges Valley Railroad was completed in December, 1894; runs from Warren Junction, connecting with the Knox & Lincoln branch of the Maine Central R. R., to Union Common, a distance of about eight miles.

During 1894 the town has seen a healthy business in the way of building operations as follows: The Robbins Block, F. L. Whitten, house; Ethel Cummings, house; N. E. Cummings, house; E. Burkett & Co., store; Willis Luce, house; Capt. Harding, barn; Warren Mink, house; Smith's grain elevator; Alden's warehouse; J. D. Thurston, stable; engine shed; fish hatchery. Miss Cora Luce has rebuilt her residence, Harry E. Messer has rebuilt his house and enlarged his stable; the Union Creamery Co. have made improvements and built a large ice house; J. M. Robbins has made over old store into a good tenement. Congregational church has been repaired and many improvements made. Various other buildings about town have also received repairs. In truth, 1894 has been a prosperous year for the town of Union.

BURTON HOUSE.

The outlook for the town is excellent. Every inducement will be extended manufacturers to locate here. Union Board of Trade, organized in December, 1894, propose to do their duty in the way of advertising the town, and good results must follow their labors. C. C. Counce is president, and B. Burton, secretary.

Union as a summer resort must become more famous as the town becomes better known. We are proud of her beautiful scenery, excellent roads, mountain views, groves and valleys, numerous ponds and the picturesque St. Georges River. There is at this writing but one hotel in town, the Burton House, B. Burton, proprietor. This famous hotel has been owned by the present landlord since 1875. The house contains 22 rooms and is delightfully located, overlooking the Common.

The water privileges on the St. Georges River from Sennebec to Seven Tree ponds are utilized at present by F. H. Lenfest, stave and heading mill, E. B. Smith, grist mill, and Barker's saw mill, all located at what is known as Hill's Mills. Near the Common may be found Bessey's flour and grist mill, and Wingate, Simmons & Co.'s wood-working shops. The natural reservoirs of the foregoing privileges have an area of more than 1500 acres, none of which are used exclusively as reservoirs. If ponds were flowed this power would be quadrupled.

Union ranks among the leading towns as an agricultural section. Our farmers are for the most part well to do, as large barns, comfortable homes, fine orchards and thrifty fields stand ready to testify.

The fish hatchery building at East Union below the dam at the outlet of Lermond Pond was built in the fall of 1894. The building is 16x20 feet and has a capacity of 500,000 eggs. The water is taken into the building from the bottom of the

dam through a 5-inch pipe. The bulkhead, which first receives the water, is a trough 18x18 inches and 15 feet in length. From this the water supply of each of the ten hatching troughs is taken. These troughs are each one foot deep by one foot in width and ten feet long. The average fall of water here is eight feet which will insure a plentiful supply the entire season. It is proposed not only to hatch trout and salmon eggs, which are procured in the fall, but to utilize the building in hatching white perch to stock all county waters, as white perch are a most delicious pan fish and thrive in almost any waters inhabited by native fish and interfere with none. This restocking of our ponds has passed the experimental stage and its importance has begun to be apparent to the majority of our citizens. By giving this proper attention it will become one of the potent factors in attracting summer visitors within our borders. The energetic president of the Knox County Fish and Game Association, J. M. Blackington, Rockland, has made a thorough inspection of the hatchery and the streams running into the lake and expressed himself satisfied with the work.

Residence of I. C. Thurston.

Crawford River, overlooking Thurston Bros.' New Dam.
G. V. R. R. Train on the Bridge.

CHAPTER VII.

SOUTH UNION—CRAWFORD'S RIVER—WATER PRIVILEGES—MANUFACTURES—THURSTON BROS.

THE beautiful village of South Union is located about one mile from Union Common on an eminence overlooking Seven Tree Pond. Is on the Georges Valley Railroad. Crawford's River runs through the village. Especial attention is called to this water privilege as being one of the best in Maine. The course of Crawford's river is westward from Crawford's to Seven Tree Pond, a distance of about 152 rods, while the declivity or fall is about 74 feet. The eight lakes and ponds which find their outlet here cover an area of about 2500 acres. One excellent feature about this river is that freshets are unknown, while in winter the stream is free from anchor ice. Power is thus obtained all the year. The water is clear and exceedingly soft, and therefore particularly good for dyeing purposes, which fact would make it very desirable for a woolen manufacturer. The lay of the land is fine and improvements can be made very cheaply. Thurston Bros.' new dam was built here in 1891 and has a fall of 14 feet. The owners of these privileges are ready to offer superior inducements to manufacturers and invite the closest investigation.

At present there is now located on Crawford's river the following: Thurston Bros., manufacturers of cloth covered

burial cases and cabinet work; they occupy three buildings beside a dry kiln and employ a dozen or more men. Commenced business in 1875. G. H. Jones, machine shop, S. W. Jones, iron foundry; South Union Saw Mill Co.; and Brown Bros., manufacturers of clothing, who have been established about nine years and employ in good seasons as many as 150 hands. A large new store was built at South Union in 1894 by E. Burkett & Co., and A. K. McFarland erected a blacksmith shop near Jones' iron foundry. The railroad station is but a short distance away and crosses Crawford's river near Thurston Bros.' new dam.

Our illustrations, taken from photographs, give a very good idea of the property along the river, which consists of several fine privileges, in addition to beautiful surroundings. There is a post-office at South Union, telephone office at Thurston Bros.' and a branch office of the American Express Co. South Union is the home of S. W. Jones, chairman of our present board of County Commissioners.

CHAPTER VIII.

NEWSPAPERS —THURSTON BROS.—S. W. JONES— WINGATE, SIMMONS & CO.—BROWN BROS.—DR. A. THOMPSON.

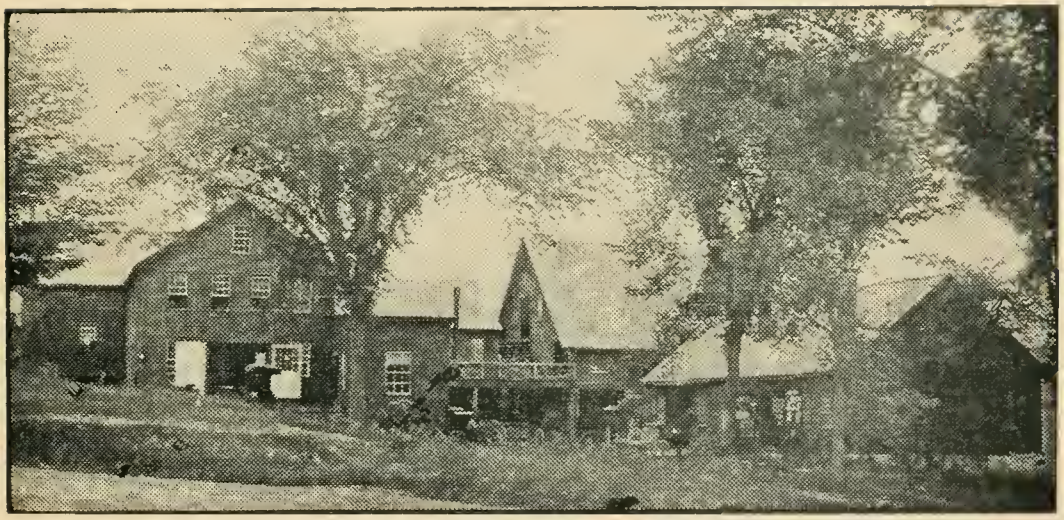
THE first newspaper in town of which we have any record was "The Union Herald" which appeared in the spring of 1878. The Herald was a four page sheet, five columns to the page. Geo. E. Richardson, editor and proprietor. The publication was discontinued after a few months, the venture probably not paying. Early in 1888 "The Union Farmer" appeared. This was a 16 page, 48 column, monthly magazine. It proved a paying property from the start. Was moved to Rockland and the name changed to The Maine Home Journal. The first number of The Union Weekly Times appeared May 6, 1893. It contained eight pages, forty-eight columns. At the end of its first year it was enlarged to fifty-six columns. January 1, 1894 it absorbed The Maine Home Journal. The Union Times circulates largely throughout Knox, Lincoln and Waldo counties. Subscription price $1 a year. George W. Fish, editor and founder.

We present in this volume three illustrations of the water privileges on Crawford river. Thurston Bros.' privilege is undoubtedly the most desirable. This enterprising firm commenced business at South Union in 1875—twenty years ago. From a small beginning they have built up a large trade among the funeral directors of New England. They

employ only first-class mechanics and manufacture a complete line of cloth covered burial cases unsurpassed by any concern in the country. They also carry a fine line of robes, linings and hardware. They are located on the line of the Georges Valley Railroad and can ship orders promptly by freight or express. Their works are connected via Rockland with Western Union and Commercial Union Telegraph. Also have a long distance telephone in their office at the factory.

The firm of Wingate, Simmons & Co., manufacturers of fine carriages, have been in business here nearly forty years. They make only first-class vehicles and have a national reputation. The firm consists of Mr. Ziba Simmons, general manager, and Mr. W. M. Robbins. They employ from 25 to 35 men; many of whom have been with them over thirty years. The firm ships carriages all over New England as well as to many western states. Mr. Ziba Simmons, the manager has sold carriages and sleighs throughout his territory for thirty-nine years, and no commercial traveller is better known or more popular. In addition to the company plant shown in our illustration, they own a fine water privilege and operate a complete wood-working shop, situated on the St. Georges river, but a short distance from their other buildings.

The oldest man in business at South Union is G. H. Jones, who with Amos Drake opened a machine shop and iron foundry. In 1872 the firm manufactured the Cole mowing machine. At one period made castings and iron work for stave machinery. Since 1872 the iron foundry has been owned and operated by Mr. S. Warren Jones, who has built up a large business. He makes school-house seat castings, door rollers and hangers and in fact, light iron castings of every description. Mr. Jones is also chairman of the



WINGATE, SIMMONS & CO., CARRIAGE WORKS.

Board of County Commissioners, it being his second term in that capacity.

Brown Brothers, manufacturers of clothing, have been established as such at South Union about nine years. They have a large building, 50x72 feet, two stories and basement; employ from 100 to 150 hands and have built up a large business.

Among the many from Union who have achieved success in other fields, Dr. Augustin Thompson of Lowell, Mass., deserves mention in these pages. He is known all over the country as the discoverer of "Moxie Nerve Food," "Moxie Catarrh Cure," and "The New England Cure for Alcoholism."

Born in Union, Maine, Nov. 25, 1835, at an early age he moved to Rockland, and there lived until the breaking out of the war. Enlisting in the army as private, the same push and courage distinguished him that has marked his subsequent career. Promotion came rapidly to him, twice on the field being recommended for promotion by General Banks. He was mustered out of the service with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. After the war he practiced medicine in Lowell, Mass., about twenty years, and was eminently successful in his large practice. He is well informed, has traveled extensively and always with his eyes open, a man of ideas with the courage to put them in practice, a miniature steam engine in energy and vital force, and one who would succeed in making himself felt in any enterprise in which he might embark.

It is safe to say no article or compound, whether known as a medicine, food, or by any other name, has made the gigantic strides into popularity, and in such an incredibly short space of time, as has the Moxie Nerve Food. The recipe for its compounding had been in the possession of

Dr. Augustin Thompson many years, had been carefully tested by him in his private practice, but not until its efficacy for the cure or prevention of certain diseases had been thoroughly proven to him, did he secure special accommodations for its manufacture. At this time even the doctor, sanguine in temperament though he is, scarce dreamed the phenomenal success so soon to be achieved by it. A company was formed with the doctor at its head, and the manufacture was commenced. Soon, however, the demand increased, its use becoming more and more general as its properties became better known. Branch factories have been established in different parts of the country, until now there exists scarce a city from Halifax to San Francisco where "Moxie" is unknown or has not been used.

The Moxie is claimed to be not a stimulant but a food, a nerve food, artificially digested and made ready for absorption before being taken into the system, and to this pre-digestion is due Moxie's success where other nerve foods have failed. This method of artificial digestion is a secret known only to the doctor, and one which skilled lawyers in court examinations have been unable to make him divulge. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and the success of this company prompted spurious imitations and counterfeits of the genuine Nerve Food, but the doctor has pursued them with so much vigor that of late they have given him a wide berth. The doctor in himself embodies the two things necessary for success—a sound mind in a healthy body. This Company is destined to be one of the massive corporations of the country. Moxie is already a household word in two hemispheres.

CHAPTER IX.

COOPER POST GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC—SOLDIERS AND SAILORS—THE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

COOPER Post, No. 124, Department of Maine, G. A. R., was mustered in Oct. 15, 1884, with 22 charter members. The name was adopted in honor of West. W. Cooper, who at the age of 19 entered the service of his country, from Union, in Co. "H," 4th Maine Volunteer Infantry, May 8th, 1861, and who was first one from Union, killed in battle, at the battle of Bull Run, Va., July 21st, 1861.

We have the grandest organization the world ever knew, from the fact that the late Union army was always broad enough to include all, no matter what might be their difference of opinion as to men and measures. So the Grand Army of today is broad enough to welcome to its ranks every veteran whose heart still beats responsive to the music of the Union. This noble association fetters the conscience of no member; it gives the largest liberty to all. Nor has it any purpose that it is unwilling to reveal to the world.

The object of this association is to render every assistance necessary to the living comrades and the families of those deceased, and to educate the young mind that the love of home and country exemplified by the flag is the hope of the nation,

and on each recurring Memorial Day to strew flowers upon the graves of our comrades. The following is a list of members in good standing:

O. H. Blake,	Co. B	6th Battery
R. R. Blackington,	I	20th Regiment Infantry
Sherman Cummings,	E	" " "
D. A. Leach,	"	" " "
S. L. Messer,	"	" " "
C. G. Stewart,	"	" " "
C. G. Bachelder,	"	" " "
J. H. Boggs,	G	21st " "
W. Carroll,	B	24th " "
H. Davis,	"	" " "
C. R. Dunton,	"	" " "
H. Lenfest,	"	" " "
V. V. Messer,	"	" " "
W. B. St. Clair,	"	" " "
W. Starrett,	"	" " "
E. H. Walcott,	"	" " "
N. A. Burns,	H	4th " "
W. A. Cummings,	"	" " "
E. Davis,	D	" " "
W. H. Moody,	"	" " "
B. F. Walter,	C	" " "
L. Norwood,	H	17th U. S. "
R. W. Bartlett,	7	Unassigned "
E. Hawes,	"	" "
D. Miller,	"	" "
C. S. Thompson,	B	Coast Guards
J. M. Dow,	"	1st Cavalry
H. Heminway,	H	11th Regiment Infantry
A. Whitney,	M	1st Heavy Artillery
Edgar O. Robbins,		9th Regiment Infantry
G. B. Chadwick,		U. S. Navy
A. Townsend,	A	Coast Guards

PAST COMMANDERS.

J. L. Bradford,	Co. I	20th Regiment Infantry
T. A. Davis,	"	" " "
L. R. Morse,	B	24th " "
Emerson Creighton,	I	20th " "
G. W. Butler,	B	4th " "
H. A. Hawes,	"	Coast Guards
H. J. Sleeper,		U. S. Navy
R. B. Robbins,	E	2nd Cavalry
Jesse Drake,	H	4th Regiment Infantry
J. F. Creighton,	I	20th " "

PRESENT COMMANDER.

George H. Dean,	C	1st New Orleans Vol. Inf.

DECEASED MEMBERS.

Jerome W. Burrows,	B	1st Cavalry
Geo. E. Fossett,	7	Unassigned Infantry
Willard L. Messer,	B	1st Cavalry
Elijah Lothrop,	B	24th Regiment Infantry
Danforth B. Blackington,	G	28th " "
Aaron Maddox,	E	20th " "
H. J. Sleeper,		U. S. Navy
John M. Tolman,	A	8th Cavalry Infantry
Story Thompson,	B	Coast Guards

NAMES.	TERM OF S'RVICE	DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE.	CO.	REGIMENT OR CORPS.
CALL OF JULY 2, 1862.				
Henry H. Butler,	3 y'rs.	Aug. 29, 1862.	E	20th Reg't.
Augustus Burns,	"	"	"	"
Sherman Cummings,	"	"	"	"
Dexter A. Leach,	"	"	"	"
Chandler Brackett,	"	"	"	"
Hiram W. Trundy,	"	"	"	"
Samuel L. Messer,	"	"	"	"
John Lenfest,	"	"	"	"
Isaac Jones,	"	"	"	"
Lyons G. Stewart,	"	"	"	"
Aaron W. Maddox,	"	"	"	"
Chas. G. Bachelder,	"	"	"	"
James A. Grinnell,	"	"	"	"
Adolphus L. Oxton,	"	"	"	"
Albert E. Titus,	"	"	"	"
Benj. N. Fish,	"	"	I	"
Henry E. Fuller,	"	"	"	"
William J. Briggs,	"	"	"	"
Wm. L. Davis,	"	Aug. 30, 1862.	E	"
Willard W. Barlow,		July 24, 1862.		1st Cavalry.
CALL OF AUG. 4, 1862.				
Silas C. Walker,	9 mos.	Oct. 13, 1862.	B	24th Reg't.
Wm. B. St Clair,	"	"	"	"
Austin E. Bachelder,	"	"	"	"
James Fuller,	"	"	"	"
Edwin H. Hart,	"	"	"	"
Josh. D. Heminway,	"	"	"	"
Harris Lenfest,	"	"	"	"
Woodbury Carroll,	"	"	"	"
Levi R. Morse,	"	"	"	"
S. M. Butler,	"	"	"	"
Geo. F. Williams	"	"	"	"
L. M. Alden,	"	"	"	"
Wm. H. Vaughn,	"	"	"	"
Geo. Norwood,	"	"	"	"
Hugh Gordon,	"	"	"	"
F. L. Bachelder.	"	"	"	"
Albert D. Moore,	"	"	"	"
James R. Littlehale,	"	"	"	"

NAMES.	TERM OF S'RVICE	DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE.	CO.	REGIMENT OR CORPS.
CALL OF AUG. 4, 1862.				
Fred A. Packard,	9 mos.	Oct. 13, 1862.	B	24th Reg't.
James H. Moore,	"	"	"	"
Dexter P. Morse,	"	"	"	"
Frank M. Adams,	"	"	"	"
Benj. B. Davis,	"	"	"	"
Alden Lothrop,	"	"	"	"
John C. Morton,	"	"	"	"
Oscar Blunt,	"	"	"	"
Sanford Monroe,	"	"	"	"
Orin Harding,	"	"	"	"
Elijah Lothrop,	"	"	"	"
D. R. Ryan.	"	"	"	"
Geo. M. Seiders,	"	"	"	"
Edgar H. Walcott,	"	"	"	"
Vinal Messer,	"	"	"	"
Chas. H. Messer,	"	"	"	"
Chas. R. Dunton,	"	"	"	"
CALL OF OCT. 17, 1863.				
Alonzo Maddox,	3 yr's.	Dec. 10, 1863.	E	2nd Cavalry
J. W. Gurney,	"	"	"	"
Roscoe B. Robbins,	"	"	"	"
Wilder S. Irish,	"	"	"	"
Edwin Lucas,	"	"		2nd Battery
Harvey B. Simmons,	"	Dec. 30, 1863.		7th Battery
Willard L. Messer,	"	" 18, "	H	2nd Cavalry
Joseph Day,	"	" " "	"	"
James D. Deans,	"	" 10, "	E	"
Geo. F. Sumner, re-enlisted	"	" 30, "		7th Battery
Gilbert S. Briggs,	"	" 10, "		"
Nelson A. Burns,	"	" 18, "	H	2nd Cavalry
Joseph W. Clarry,	"	" 10, "	E	"
Augustus Burns,	"	" " "		2nd Battery
Wm. A. Packard,	"			"
James Sidelinger,	"			
Jacob C. Sidelinger,	"			
John S. Stevens,	"	Dec. 10, 1863.	E	2nd Cavalry
Richard Moody,	"	"		2nd Battery
Hosea Knowlton,	"	"		"
Richard Varney,	"	"		"

NAMES.	TERM OF S'RVICE	DATE OF ENTERING SERVICE.	CO.	REGIMENT OR CORPS.
CALL OF OCT. 17, 1863.				
Chas. B. Hawes,	3 y'rs.	Dec. 10, 1863.		2nd Battery
Edward B. Clarry,	"	"		1st Artillery
Adriel L. Whitney,	"	"		1st Battery
Gardner Skidmore,	"	"	F	30th Regiment
Isaac S. Harris,	"	"		1st Cavalry
James Fuller,	"			"
Chas B. Phenix,	"			"
Manuel F. Sidelinger,	"			"
CALL OF OCT. 1864.				
Robert Dickey,	3 y'rs.	Oct. 1, 1864.	7	Un'sgn'd Infty.
Thomas J. Butler,	"	"	"	"
J. M. Davis,	"	"	"	"
B. P. Bachelor,	"	"	"	"
L. R. Morse,	"	"	"	"
Theron Blake,	"	"	"	"
Austin E. Bachelder,	"	"	"	"
M. H. Mowry,	"	"	"	"
Dudley Miller,	"	"	"	"
Chas. Murphy,	"	"	"	"
Geo. E. Fossett,	"	"	"	"
John F. Hall,	"	"	"	"
Geo. Norwood,	"	"	"	"
R. W. Bartlett,	"	"	"	"
A. H. Stetson,	"	"	"	"
Edwin R. Hawes,	"	"	"	"
Alphonso Larrabee,	"	"	"	"
Sam'l S. Adams,	"	"	"	"
Frank M. Adams,	"	"	"	"
Edwin Hawes,	"	"	"	"
Chester L. Morse,	"	"	"	"
L. F. Bachelder,	"	"	"	"
Chas. J. Sumner,	"	"	"	"
Leander Jones,	"	"	"	"
Andrew Sidelinger,	"	"	"	"
John E. Hager,	"	"	"	"
Lewis W. Daniels,	"	"	"	"
A. M. Remick,	"	"		Navy

CALL OF DEC. 19, 1864, SERVICE NOT GIVEN.

John A. Lewis,	Bounty of	$442.85.
Wilder M. Mitchell,	"	"
Philip Manning,	"	"
E. L. Noyes,	"	"
W. Sexton,	"	"
T. Sullivan,	"	"
J. Cass,	"	"
T. Caldwell,	"	"
Dennis Driscoll,	"	"
John Desmond,	"	"
A. Tragin,	"	"
Albert N. Greene,	"	"
C. T. Harkness,	"	"
J. Irvine,	"	"
Luther Drake,	"	$425.00
Chas. G. Matthews,	"	"

Six men were paid at Freeman's Bank, Augusta, two $500, four $475.

THOSE WHO FURNISHED SUBSTITUTES IN THE CALL OF OCT. 17, 1863.

Herman H. Walcott
Amos W. Leach
S. W. Jones
John F. Bryant
Erastus Ware
Roscoe Stone
John A. Miller
C. C. Daggett
Chas. H. Jones
Wm. C. Gleason.

CALL OF JULY 14, 1864. DRAFTED AND PAID COMMUTATION. NO BOUNTY.

Lendal Caswell
Benj. B. Lothrop
Andrew J. Lermond
Robert Clark
Geo. F. Sumner
Edward H. Hilton
Dan'l Churchill
Ephraim U. Butler
G. M. Blackington, Jr.
Eben A. Robbins
Wm. M. Stewart
Fisher D. Payson
Joseph Bryant
Edwin R. Daniels
Gorham W. Butler
Geo. W. Leach
Chester L. Morse

CALL OF 1864, UNASSIGNED INFANTRY.

Herbert A. Hawes
Luther J. Drake
John S. Butler
Chas. E. Greene
Lewis Law
W. J. Robbins
Edwin L. Robbins
Story Thompson
Warren Cooper
Almond G. Drake
Geo. E. Gay
Wm. H. Jones
Ira A. Sidelinger
Columbia S. Thompson
Gilbert B. Thompson

This includes all who went on different quotas from Union not volunteers previous to that date.

The soldier's monument, that now occupies so prominent a position on Union Common, is conceded to be the result of efforts of Cooper Post, G. A. R., and the property of the town. The following comrades, H. A. Hawes, L. Norwood, and C. R. Dunton were the committee to solicit and receive contributions, also to receive bids from monument firms. In March, 1886, an appropriation by the town of $490 toward the monument gave renewed courage and determination. Contributions were coming in from 10 cents to $50 and promises in like amounts after a monument was erected. The contract was given Mr. James Dornan, East Union. It was completed and dedicated and presented to the town July 4, 1888.

Comrade Hawes being an old resident of Union and chairman of the committee, was most indefatigable in his efforts for the monument. The result is a monument beautiful and artistic in design, at a cost, including foundation and grading, of $1500.

Cooper Relief Corps, organized May 7, 1885, has been an efficient auxiliary to the Post and assisted largely in building up the monument fund. Starting in with 21 charter members, composed only of veterans' mothers, wives, sisters and daughters, its membership at present date is about 60, and it is considered one of the best Relief Corps in the state.

CHAPTER X.

THE GEORGES VALLEY RAILROAD—AGITATION—TOWN MEETINGS—STOCK—CONTRACTOR—CELEBRATION—PRESENT OFFICERS.

UNION commenced the agitation of the building of the Georges Valley Railroad in 1887 by holding meetings in the various school-houses about town. October 2, 1888, ten citizens petitioned the selectmen to call a meeting of the legal voters of the town on the 17th of October, 1888, to see what sum and by what method, the town would raise money for the building of the railroad. At the meeting the town voted to raise five per cent of its valuation which at the time was thought to mean state valuation, but it was afterwards learned that the town's valuation should have been used which would make the amount so raised only $18,000.

June 8, 1889, in town meeting assembled, all former votes regarding raising money for the railroad was rescinded and the valuation for 1889 being increased to $490,000, five per cent of the legal amount was voted, the same to be raised by issue of town bonds, interest not to exceed five per cent. Under this law the amount of stock subscribed for by the town was $24,500. Rockland and Warren Lime Co. took $8,000 and private subscriptions $8,400, making the total amount $40,900.

The directors contracted with James Mitchell, August 19, 1892, for the building and equipping of the Georges Valley Railroad from a junction of the Maine Central at Warren to

Union Common. Work was commenced in the autumn of 1892. The work was completed and inspected by the railroad commissioners, November 14, 1893. These officials made a most favorable report.

November 15th a grand citizens' celebration was held all day and evening. Freight and passenger trains commenced running regular December 1, 1893. The first year's business, in spite of the financial depression which extended over the country, was very satisfactory, while the future outlook is full of promise. Officers of the road are: W. W. Case of Rockland, president, secretary and treasurer; James Mitchell, general manager. Directors: W. W. Case, W. T. Cobb, A. F. Crockett, Sidney M. Bird, James Mitchell, Fred A. Alden and I. C. Thurston.

Union Wants.

WITH superior water privileges and railroad facilities the town of Union offers excellent advantages for manufacturers and capitalists. We need such factories as boots and shoes, sash and blinds, clothing, machine shops, foundries, furniture, pianos and organs, metal works, buttons, carpet mills, hats, straw goods, car-shops, woodenware, boiler works, stoves, gloves, tools, hosiery, silk mills, toys, agricultural implements and many others. The Union Board of Trade solicits correspondence and will cheerfully give information.

1894 was a prosperous year for the town of Union. Many new buildings were erected in various parts of the place, and 1895 promises to surpass any year in our history. We don't want any quick boom but favor a gradual, healthy growth, which will surely come in the near future.

Carl W. Thurston, whose portrait is given herewith, was born in Union, Nov. 23, 1863. He is the son of Nathaniel E. and Sarah (Hills) Thurston. Carl W. Thurston owns a fine farm of 67 acres, and is one of the enterprising farmers of his native town. He is also engaged as a dealer in flour, corn and mill feed, and has built up a fine trade in that line. December 21, 1893, married Miss Josie D. Andrews of Washington. Mr. Thurston is a prominent member of Seven Tree Grange and has always been interested in the work of that organization.

PURE DRUGS.

J. H. WIGGIN,

APOTHECARY,

418 Main Street, - Rockland, Maine.

Largest Variety of . . . . . .

Perfumes, Toilet Articles

—AND—

FANCY GOODS

. . . . . In the city.

Full Line of
Lowney's Fine
Chocolate Bon-Bons.

Cigars and Tobacco.

PATENT MEDICINES.

Frank Pullen, an excellent likeness of whom is here given, was born in Patten, Maine, April 10, 1847. Moved to Bangor when quite young and was educated in the schools of that city and at East Corinth Academy and at Carlisle (Pa.) College. At the age of 16 enlisted in the 4th N. H. Infantry and served one year and seven months. He came to Union in 1881 and engaged in farming. He is a member of Union Lodge, No. 35, F. and A. M.; also of Borneman Post, No. 79, G. A. R., of Washington. Mr. Pullen has travelled extensively in foreign lands as well as in his native country. He possesses a fine collection of ancient and modern coins and relics, valued at several thousand dollars.

AMONG those that have always been identified with the prosperity of Union may be mentioned the old established and ever reliable N. A. & S. H. Burpee Furniture Co. of Rockland. Looking back over a period of many years the people of this town can remember a business career characterized by all that is honorable and just in every transaction. They have built up a large trade in this vicinity and point with pride to their many friends in Union. A few years since a large new warehouse was erected by them, which, in addition to their old quarters, enables the firm to always have a mammoth stock on hand of not only Medium Priced Furniture, but all of the New and Modern Ideas in their line.

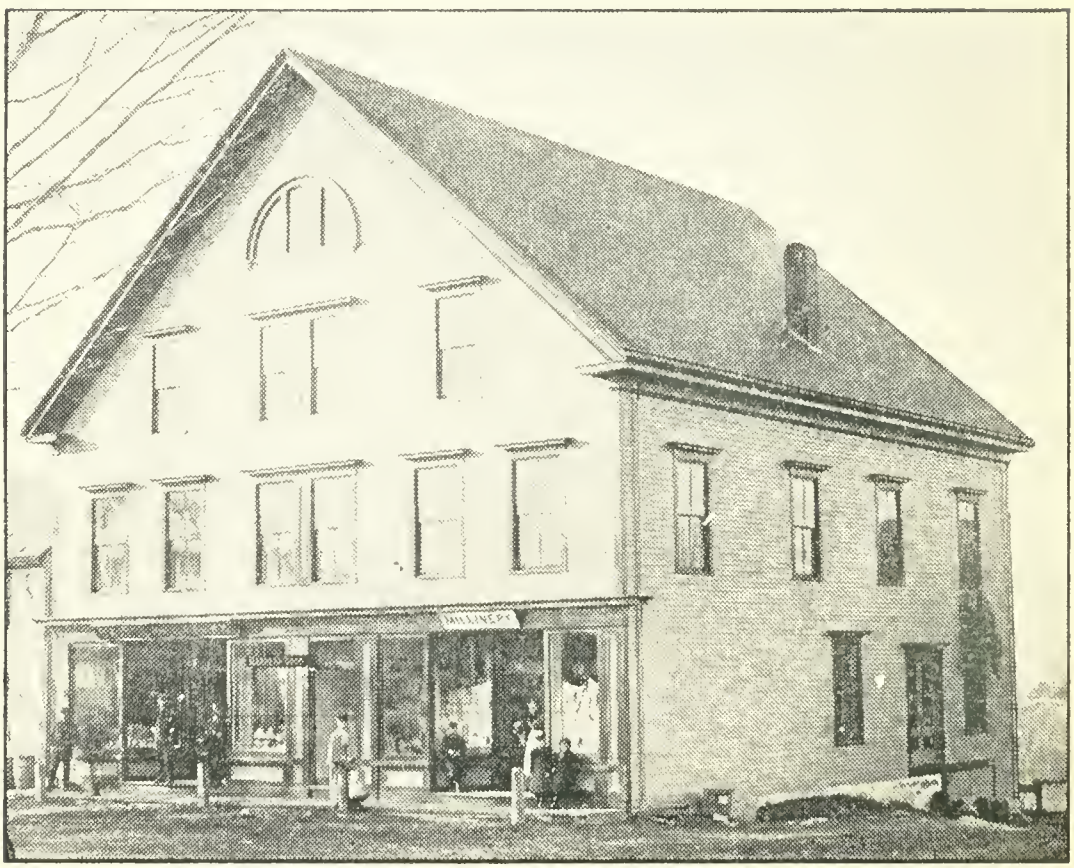
Among the various lines carried may be seen Ladies' Dressing Cases, Rattan Tea Tables, Pedestals, Music Racks, Cheffoniers, Reception Chairs, Fancy Chairs, Ottomans, Screens, Easels, Brackets, White Iron Bedsteads, Ladies' Desks, Parlor Desks, Davenports, Roller Desks, Office Desks, Revolving Chairs, Library Chairs, Sideboards, Extension Tables, Office Tables, Hall Stands, Wardrobes, Library Tables, Mantle Beds, Wood Baskets, Bed Lounges, Antique Chairs, Onyx Tables, Couches, Rattan Chairs, Hall Stands, China Closets, Center Tables, Comforters, Pillows, Hair, Wool and Excelsior Mattresses, Spring Beds, Cot Beds, Kitchen Tables.

Goods marked in plain figures. Rooms heated by steam. Elevator in main building, so visitors can be comfortable and inspect at their leisure.

All the foregoing and numerous other lines always in stock at the well known house of the N. A. & S. H. BURPEE FURNITURE CO., Rockland, Maine.

E. H. Burkett, was born in Union, July 24, 1848. Married Miss Inez E. Fish of South Hope, September 29, 1873. They have had two children: Annie L., and Lulie M. In early life Mr. Burkett commenced his career as a teamster, increasing the business from year to year, now employing a dozen or more horses in the business. Is a wholesale dealer in lime-casks, and also handles a general line of flour, grain, mill feed, lime and coal. Owns a fine farm of 30 acres near the Common. He has been very successful.

Mr. Burkett is a member of Union Lodge, No. 35, I. O. O. F.; also a member of Mt. Horeb Encampment, No. 34, and has always been interested in the work of these organizations. Has been manager of the new Town Hall since it was re-built about five years ago; has held office of Town Treasurer two years; was director of the G.V.R.R. from its first organization until November 1893, when control of the road passed from Union stockholders. He is a director of the Union Farmers' Fire Insurance Company; was Deputy Sheriff of Knox County six years, his last term expiring Dec. 31, 1894.



ROBBINS BLOCK.

FOR a number of years our people have made Rockland their principal shopping place, and perhaps we should, in these pages, call the attention of our readers to E. B. Hastings, the well known Dry Goods Merchant of that city. Mr. Hastings has for years had a very large trade from Union and surrounding towns, which he has built up and maintained by giving the best of goods at Lowest Prices. In every way satisfaction is given all who trade at this popular store. He carries a very large stock of goods and employs courteous lady clerks, who are always willing to show customers anything desired, and quote prices with pleasure. Mr. Hastings has been in trade many years and is noted for his fair dealings with all. His large store on Main Street is completely stocked with Dry and Fancy Goods, in addition to thousands of Small Articles too numerous to mention here.

A visit to the large Dry Goods House of E. B. Hastings, Rockland, is an event long to be remembered by all. Special inducements given to customers from Union and surrounding towns, who are cordially invited to call at any and all times.

Herbert A. Hawes was born April 28, 1839. Married Joanna Creighton in 1869 for first wife, who died some time later. For his second wife he married Ermina A. Gushee of Thomaston, June 5, 1877. Mr. Hawes enlisted in the Maine Coast Guards in February, 1864, remaining until the close of the Rebellion. Is a member of Cooper Post, No. 124, G. A. R., of Union, also belongs to Union Lodge, F. & A. M. Has been supervisor of schools. Has two children, George C., born March, 1873, Phebe R., born July 31, 1892. Mr. Hawes owns a fine farm of 166 acres about a mile from the Common on the shore of Seven Tree pond. This property was first settled by Moses Hawes over 100 years ago; then by Wm. S. Hawes; then descending to Herbert A. Hawes. The farm cuts about 75 tons of hay annually, and there are about 300 apple trees on the place. Mr. Hawes' farm is beautifully located, and the buildings on the place are all in excellent condition.

WHO of our readers does not remember the pleasant face and genial manners of the late Albert Smith, of Rockland? He was known all over Maine as a dealer in Pianos and Organs, and built up a reputation for honesty and fair dealing that any man might be proud of. The Smith Music Store is now occupied by the well known firm of CRESSEY, JONES & ALLEN of Portland, with E. L. Staples, Esq., as Manager. They took the store in December, 1894, and after fitting it up in first class style, placed therein a large and complete stock of Pianos and Organs of such well known makes as the following: Blasius & Sons, Kranich & Bach, Decker Bros., Trowbridge, Ivers & Pond, Jacob Bros., Dyer & Hughes Pianos, and Mason & Hamlin, Packard and Bridgeport Organs.

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George W. Payson was born Feb. 12, 1828, he being the third of five sons of the late John Payson. He worked on his father's farm till he attained his majority, attending in the meantime the town and high schools. At the age of 21, began teaching school winter seasons, laboring on the farm in summer. Jan. 1, 1854, married Mary J. Barlow of Appleton. In 1855 purchased the farm now owned and occupied by J. G. Mank. Lived on that place nine years, but followed teaching winter seasons; altogether nearly a score of terms. Sold the farm and bought the place where he now resides, at East Union, formerly known as the Milton Daniels farm, containing one hundred acres, about one-third each of tillage, pasture and woodland. Of a family of six children, all of which arrived at maturity, only three are now living, viz.: May F., wife of Randall Robbins; A. W. Payson, of the firm of Payson & Robbins, merchants, East Union; and E. C. Payson, of the law firm of Walker & Payson, Rockland. Mr. Payson has filled many important places of trust in town, being a member of the Board of Selectmen and Assessors of Union six years. He has been for many years a member of Union Lodge, I. O. O. F., also serving two terms as Master of Pioneer Grange P. of H.

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Jason M. Robbins, was born in Union, June 25, 1838. Educated in the district schools. Married Laura M. Messer, January 10, 1864. Have three children, viz: Hampton L., George E., and Mary A. Mr. Robbins has been a farmer, live stock and real estate speculator, nearly all of his days: he owns 275 acres of land and cuts about 90 tons of hay annually. Has also a large orchard. He was a director of the G. V. R. R. for some years and a firm friend of that corporation. He has been the largest tax payer in town for several years. His farm is delightfully situated on an elevation overlooking Seven Tree pond, about two miles from the Common. In the summer of 1894, in company with his son, Hampton L., bought land and commenced the erection of the fine new Robbins Block, so called. We give a good picture of the building which was completed in the autumn of 1894.

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Fred A. Alden, was born in Union, Feb. 4, 1854. Educated in town and high schools. Married Emeline Watts, of St. George, Nov. 14, 1877. They have three boys. Mr. Alden owns a fine farm of 75 acres near the Common. Cuts on an average 50 tons of hay annually, and raises about 250 barrels of apples each year. He taught school several terms. Has been supervisor of schools several years. Established present high school system in town in 1889. Was elected to the State Legislature in 1889, and re-elected in 1892. Assisted in obtaining charter for Union Water Co. and legalizing doings of town meeting regarding railroad loan, March, 1889. Was elected chairman of Board of Selectmen in 1892. Joined I. O. O. F. in February, 1878, and has always been prominently connected with the order since that date. Has passed the chairs in Union Lodge and Encampment: has been permanent secretary for several years, also a member of the Grand Encampment. Is member of Sennebec Commandery Golden Cross, and Knights of Pythias, of Union. Has always been a staunch believer in the G. V. R. R., and is at present a member of the board of directors of that corporation.

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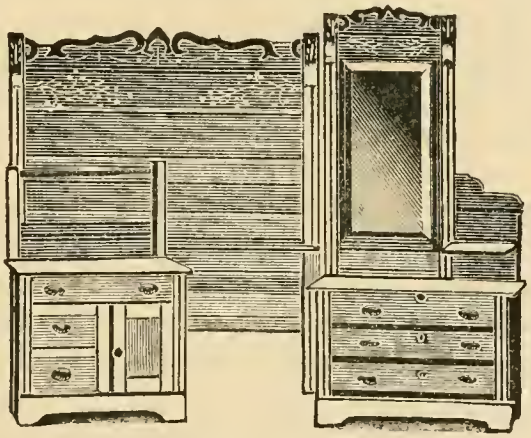

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W. J. CALDER, : Manager.

Benj. Burton was born in Cushing, Maine, Dec. 12, 1838, and came to Union in 1840. Was educated in the schools of this town. In early life he worked for his father, Church Burton, who was a tanner and general storekeeper. Benj. Burton married Lucie E. Dunton, daughter of John S. Dunton, Oct. 1, 1860. They have had two children: Lola M., born May 7, 1866: Ralph L., born Oct. 3, 1874, and died at the age of fifteen months. Lola M. was married to Calvin I. Burrows, Dec. 10, 1890. Mr. Burton commenced business at Union Common in 1861, with O. A. Burkett, in the boot and shoe and general store business, which was carried on for about six years. He has been postmaster of Union for eleven years; was chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for ten years, from 1880 to 1890. Has been Justice of the Peace since Jan. 7, 1880. Is a member of the following bodies of secret societies: Union Lodge, No. 35, I. O. O. F.; Union Lodge, No. 31, F. & A. M.; Sennebec Commandery, U. O. Golden Cross; Glendale Lodge, No. 89, K. of P.; and Mt. Horeb Encampment, No. 34. Mr. Burton has ever labored for the upbuilding of the town, was zealous in the building of the G. V. R. R., and held the position of secretary from the start to the completion of the road. Commenced the hotel business in Rockland in 1873 at the Lindsey House; in 1875 bought of Chas. A. Barnard what is now known as the Burton House and stables, and has continued to run it as a first-class hotel; and is now actively engaged as one of the incorporators of the Union Water Works.

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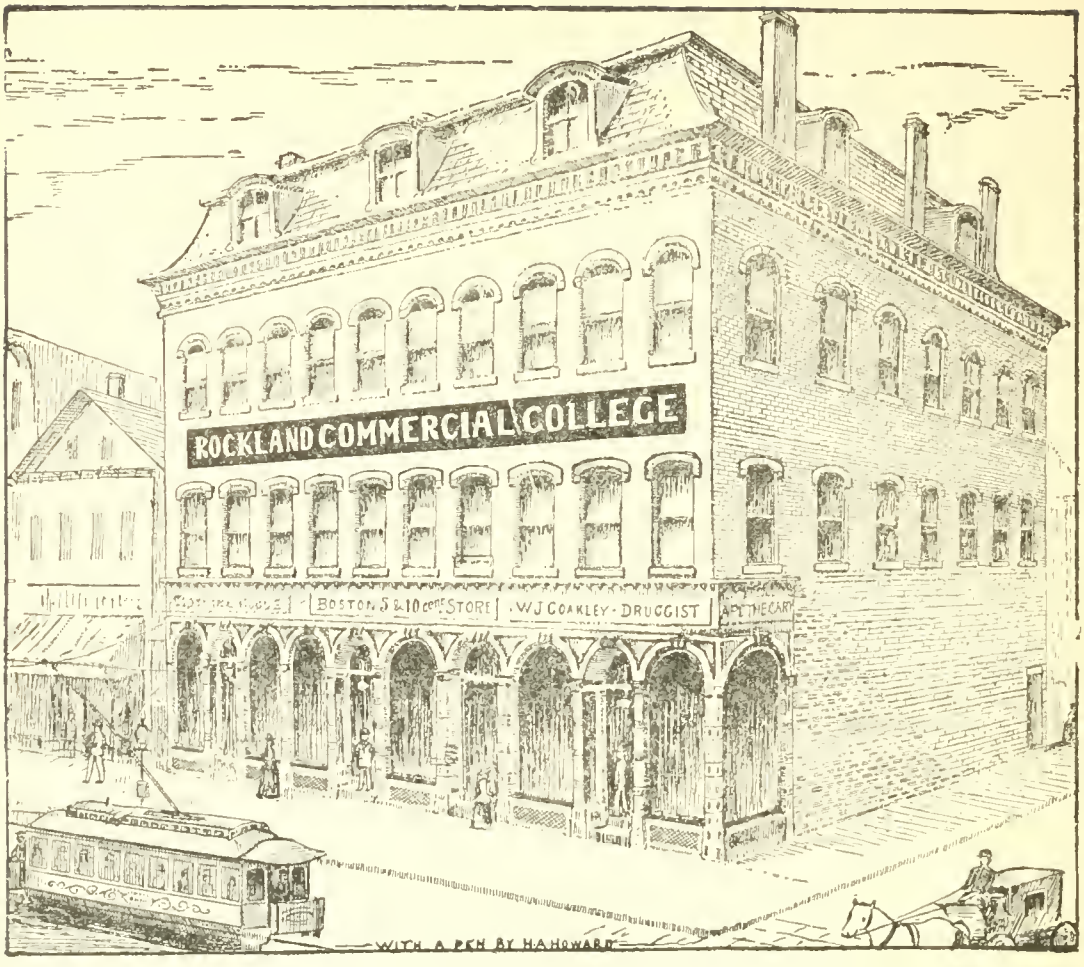

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JEDEDIAH MORSE.

Jedediah Morse was born in Union, Sept. 17, 1815, being the seventh child of Obadiah Morse, who was born at Sherburne, Mass., Dec. 11, 1776. Worked on his father's farm during his minority, teaching school in winter. In 1840 married Rebecca B. Simmons, daughter of Moses and Mary Simmons. She died Oct. 31, 1880. In 1858 purchased the farm that his father, Obadiah, bought in 1798, and where his son Allenza Forrest now resides. Nov. 21, 1882, married Nancy B. Post of Union and removed to the Common, where he now lives in good health at the age of seventy-nine years.

John E. Arnold was born at Appleton, Maine, January 28, 1855. Son of John and Abbie (Sumner) Arnold. Educated in the public schools of Appleton and Union. Left home at the age of 15 to clerk in a general store at Vinalhaven; after two years returned to Appleton and served about two years as apprentice in G. H. Page's carriage shops; from there went to Union, where he worked for Wingate, Simmons & Co. in their paint shop, remaining there about nine years. In September, 1881, was married to Myrtilla Vaughn, daughter of the late Dea. Augustus Vaughn of South Union. She died about six months after marriage. Mr. Arnold was elected Town Clerk in 1882, and re-elected in 1883, and held the office up to the time he left Union for the west. Was made Noble Grand of Union Lodge, No. 35, I. O. O. F., when but 22 years of age, and sent as representative to Grand Lodge when 23 years; was a charter member of Mount Horeb Encampment, I. O. O. F., of Union, Maine. In January, 1883, went to Schuyler, Neb., where he entered the store of his brother. After two or three years he formed a partnership with his brother under the firm name of

Arnold Bros., selling out to enter the grain business for a year, then to accept a position as book-keeper in the Schuyler National Bank, which position he now holds in connection with being cashier of the Schuyler Savings Bank, to which he was elected in May, 1892. In 1886 he was elected City Clerk, and in 1887 was re-elected nearly unanimously. In 1892 was elected a member of the Board of Education, being secretary of the board. In 1887 was elected secretary of the Building and Loan Association, and still holds this important position. Is a charter member of Mount Horeb Encampment, I. O. O. F. of Schuyler. Was D. D. G. M. of the I. O. O. F. in 1893 and '94 and for this year he is Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Nebraska; is a member of the Masonic fraternity; politically he is a Republican. Was married in 1885 to Miss Ella C. Huntly of Philadelphia with whom he is living a happy life in their very pleasant home in Schuyler, Nebraska.

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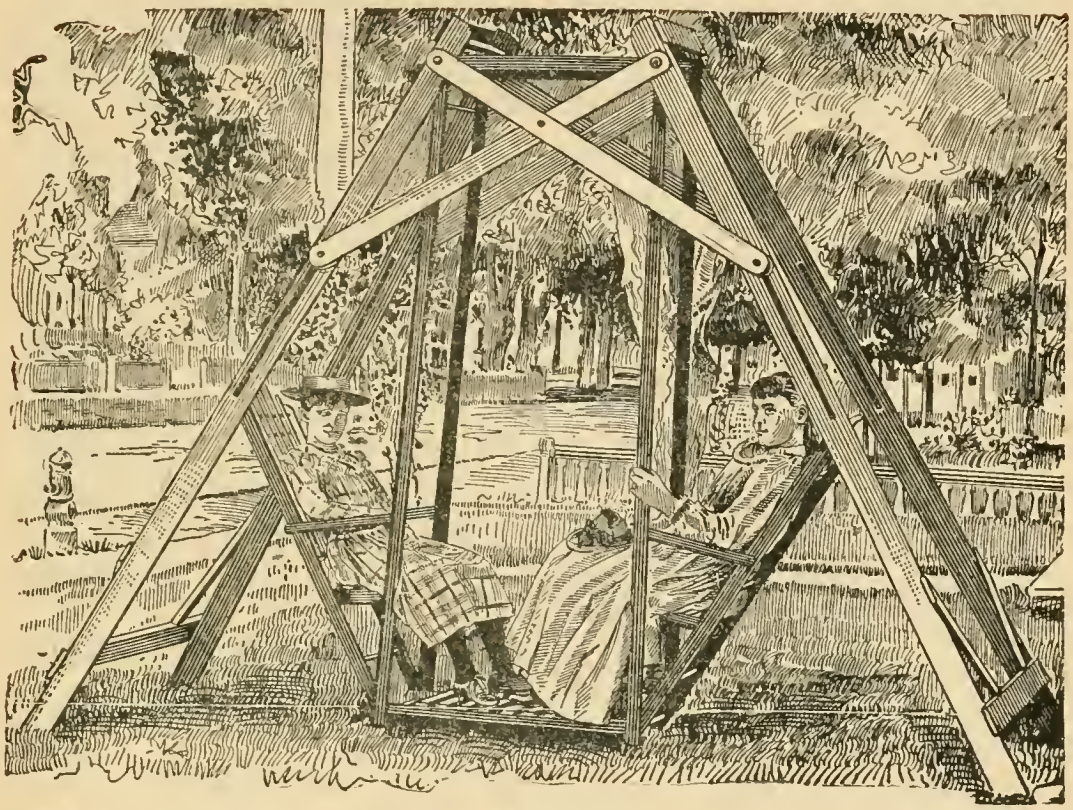

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WARREN HILLS.

Warren Hills was born and has passed nearly all of his life in the town of Union. Early in life was engaged in the tanning business; in 1872 closed out as a tanner and bought stock and good will of the two stove dealers in town, J. E. Payson and J. A. Morrison. Has since that time been a general trader in stoves, hardware and agricultural implements. Has one son, Vivian W. Hills. Mr. Hills has been a member of Union Lodge, F. & A. M. for thirty years; has been master and secretary. Has held the office of Town Clerk, Treasurer, and chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Assessors of Union. Was at one time secretary of the Union Farmers' Insurance Co. Was a member of the State Legislature in 1879, also of the memorable legislature of 1880. Is secretary and historian of the Hill's family association. In addition to offices mentioned has occupied other positions of trust in town. Is a stockholder in the G. V. R. R. and took a prominent part in the agitation of the enterprise. He is not a politician, and what offices he has held have been thrust upon him, the man never seeking the office. He is somewhat of an horticulturist, owning several acres of land on which is a fine orchard. Mr. Hills is a man who enjoys the respect and confidence of his fellow townsmen; he is well read in the advanced literature of the day and owns an excellent collection of books, mostly classics in their line.

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ZIBA SIMMONS.

Ziba Simmons, the subject of this sketch, is a member of the firm of Wingate, Simmons & Co., carriage manufacturers of Union, and he has seen a busy life. Dec. 31, 1894, closed his 39th year in the business. During this long period the firm has employed from 20 to 35 skilled mechanics. Mr. Simmons has had nine different partners, five of whom have passed over to the silent majority, viz: J. M. Little, died in 1862; Zuingliess Collins, died in 1871; David C. Pillsbury, died in 1877; Ethana M. Wingate, died in 1890; Charles Mayo, who was a partner in 1856, died in Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Simmons joined the I. O. O. F. in December, 1855, and the F. & A. M. in 1866. Since commencing the manufacturing of fine carriages and sleighs at Union there have been many suspensions and embarrassments in the business world, but Wingate, Simmons & Company have always stood firm, and pay day, the first of each month, has never been omitted. Through the indefatigable labors of Mr. Simmons a large business has been built up and maintained all over Maine and the eastern provinces. No carriages in the country rank higher than theirs, and the public have learned to look upon the productions of the Union factory as thoroughly and honestly built.

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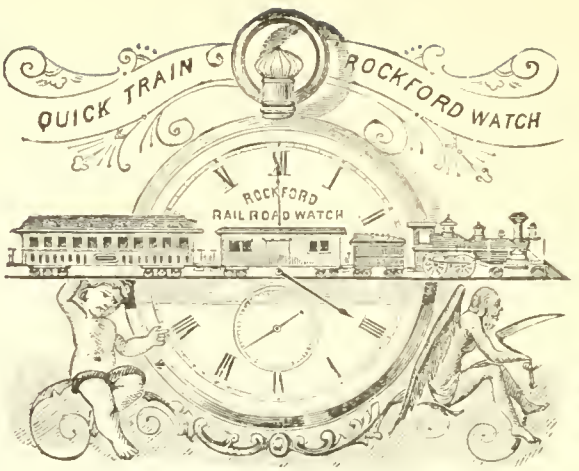

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N. E. Telephone Line,	B. Burton
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Warren Hills,	Hardware
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S. N. Butler,	Barber
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L. R. Morton,	Carriage Repairing
Roscoe Miller,	Blacksmith
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N. Lothrop,	Carriage Shop
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A. Fossett, North Union.	Postmaster

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Mt. Horeb Encampment, I. O. O. F., No. 34, meets second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

G. A. R. Cooper Post, No. 124; meets Monday evenings.

P. of H. Seven Tree Grange, No. 176; meets Wednesday evenings.

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P. of H. Pioneer Grange, No. 219; meets Tuesday evenings. East Union.

A. O. U. W. Knox Lodge, No. 66, meets every other Tuesday.

W. C. T. U. Meets semi-monthly, Tuesday afternoons.

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GEORGE M. SEIDERS.

Among those born in this town that have achieved success in other fields we would mention George Mellville Seiders, who was born in Union, January 15, 1844, son of Henry and Mary W. Seiders.

At the age of 18 he enlisted in Company B, 24th Maine Volunteers, and served during his term of enlistment in Louisiana. At the close of his services in the army he returned to Union and remained there until 21 years of age, then left home and went to Portland to find employment. He obtained employment in the machine shops of Charles Staples & Son, and worked there some months, when he decided to obtain a liberal education, and with that purpose in view, he entered Lincoln Academy, at Newcastle, and fitted for college, entering Bowdoin College in the fall of '68, and graduated in the class of '72. After graduating he was elected principal of Greeley Institute, Cumberland, and taught there two years. He was then offered the position of master in the Waltham, Mass., High School, which he accepted, and taught there during the years 1874-5, and was then elected to a professorship in the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut where he taught during the years 1875-6. He read law at Portland, with Thomas B. Reed, 1876-8, and, after being admitted to the Cumberland bar in 1878, opened a law office in Portland, but after a few months went into the office with Mr. Reed, with whom he has been associated to the present time. During the years 1876-80, he resided in North Yarmouth and was elected to the Legislature of 1878, from the classed towns of Yarmouth and North Yarmouth and served on the judiciary committee. He was appointed and served as Assistant United States Counsel in the Alabama Court of Claims, 1883-4. He was elected and served two terms as county attorney for Cumberland county, 1885-8, and was elected to the Senate in '93, and served on the judiciary committee. Mr. Seiders was elected president of the State Senate, January 1895, and fills that honorable position with credit to himself and his many admirers.

List of Births, Marriages and Deaths for 1894-5

BIRTHS.

1894.	
Jan. 12	Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Young, a daughter.
Feb. 15	Mr. and Mrs. Freeman S. Gould, a son.
Mar. 11	Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Morton, a son.
Apr. 14	Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Fitch, a son.
July 13	Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Jones, a son.
July 25	Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Burgess, a son.
July 26	Mr. and Mrs. Bently Watts, a daughter.
July 30	Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Law, a son.
Aug. 1	Mr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Bachelder, a daughter.
Sept. 4	Mr. and Mrs. Flavius V. Matthews, a daughter
Sept. 19	Mr. and Mrs. Granville G. Miller, a son.
Oct. 1	Mr. and Mrs. Millard A. Hyer, a son.
Oct. 13	Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Esancy, a son.
Oct. 25	Mr. and Mrs. Chester R. Burns, a daughter.
Nov. 12	Mr. and Mrs. Chester M. Butler, a son.
Nov. 29	Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Messer, a daughter.
Dec. 3	Mr. and Mrs. Edward A Moore, a son.
Nov. 25	Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Dean, a daughter.
Dec. 21	Mr. and Mrs. Silas B. Carroll, a son.

MARRIAGES.

1894.	
Jan. 22	Eben F. Moody and Mrs. Lucy J. Kimball.
April 28	Jesse L. Gushee and Grace Pease.
May 6	Cyrus J. Perry and Evie M. Davis.
May 10	Morris W. Leach and Edith I Barker.
June 26	Walter F. Calderwood and Lottie M Mank.
June 23	Clifford C. Counce and Carrie M. Walcott.
July 15	Chas. A. Marr and Lucretia A. Morse.
Sept. 4	Frederick L. Davidson and Rose H. Pratt.
Sept. 5	Benj. Chaples and Mrs. Lavina Lenfest.
Oct. 6	Geo. E. Robbins and Marcia A. Greene.
Nov. 3	Arthur E. Stewart and Rose C. Hills.
Nov. 21	Frank L. Kenney and Eva H. Titus.
1895	
Jan. 1	W. H. Bennett and Lillian W. Bachelder.
Jan. 1	Cleon A. Butler and Annie B. Hemenway.
Jan. 5	Lowell A. Bowley and Carrie Danforth.

DEATHS.

1894.		
Jan.	8	Sarah E. Fairbanks, aged 56 yrs. 3 mos. 3 days
Jan.	12	Fisher A. Daniels, aged 85 yrs. 4 mos. 6 days
Jan.	24	Eliza Shepard, aged 86 yrs. 7 mos. 24 days.
Mar.	16	Mrs. Mary J. Andrews, aged 72 yrs. 10 mos.
Mar.	11	Infant of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morton.
Mar.	16	Annie U.Skinner,died in Rockland,aged 5 mos
Mar.	30	Emma F. Young, aged 33 yrs. 10 mos. 21 days
April	6	Mercy Butler, aged 83 yrs. 9 mos. 13 days.
April	17	Amanda Shepard,aged 74 yrs. 11 mos. 18 days
April	20	Leander Martin, aged 80 yrs. 11 mos. 16 days
May	27	Frank C. Fuller, at the Me. General Hospital, Portland, aged 26 yrs. 5 mos.
May	21	Mrs. Nellie M. Messer,aged 43 yrs. 2 mos. 1 d.
July	5	Chas. Morse, 84 years.
July	17	S. Florett Fossett, aged 40 yrs. 3 mos. 3 days
July	9	Story Thompson, aged 77 yrs. 4 mos. 15 days
Aug.	15	John E. Jones, aged 63 yrs. 11 mos.
Sept.	24	Daniel E. Gardner,aged 83 yrs. 10 mos. 8 days
Oct.	13	Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Easancy.
Oct.	20	Calvin Boggs, aged 85 yrs. 1 mo. 26 days.
Oct.	24	Hannah S. Bowler, aged 82 yrs. 9 mos.
Dec.	5	Hulda E. Sukeforth, aged 49 yrs. 10 mos. 5 days. Died in Rockland.
Nov.	4	Statira Shepard, 66 yrs. 10 mos.
Dec.	27	Joseph O. Cobb, aged 67 yrs. 11 mos. Died in Rockland.
1895		
Jan.	7	Eliza Messer, aged 89 yrs. 8 mos. 4 days.
Jan.	8	Gladys Messer, aged 1 mo. 14 days.
Jan.	16	Infant of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Carter, 6 hours

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